

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 10 December 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34,37,38,41-44,54,55,57-61,63-66.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Benjamin E Lanier/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2432

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed 10 December 2010 amends claims 1 and 22. Claims 45-51, 56, and 62 are cancelled. Claims 63-66 are added.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Todd A. Rathe (Reg. No. 38,276) on 14 December 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

For claim 1: delete "wherein the authorization granting interface is configured to remain coupled to unused portions of the consumable resource upon withdrawal of the unused portions of the consumable resource from the image forming device" from lines 14-17.

For claim 66: add at the end of the last line, "wherein the authorization granting interface is configured to remain coupled to unused portions of the consumable resource upon withdrawal of the unused portions of the consumable resource from the image forming device."

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-34, 37-38, 41-44, 54-55, 57-61, 63-66 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose or make obvious the claimed consumable resource authorization wherein a prospective

user is authorized to use the consumable resource based on an authorization input and interaction with an authorization granting interface that is coupled to the consumable resource and remains coupled to unused portions of the consumable resource upon withdrawal of the unused portions from the image forming device. The authorization granting interface is configured to grant a first authorization level in which use of the resource by a first user is denied, a second authorization level in which a second user is granted a first extent of rights to use the resource and a third authorization level in which a third user is granted a second extent of rights, different then the first extent of rights, to use the resource.

Additionally, the prior art does not disclose or make obvious the claimed consumable resource authorization wherein a prospective user is authorized to use the consumable resource, wherein the consumable resource is a print medium, based on an authorization granting interface that is coupled to the consumable resource and remains coupled to unused portions of the consumable resource upon withdrawal of the unused portions of the consumable resource from the image forming device.

Finally, the prior art does not disclose or make obvious the claimed consumable resource authorization wherein a prospective user is authorized to use the consumable resource, which is included in a chamber having code configured to be read by an optical scanning device, based on an authorization granting interface that is coupled to the consumable resource and remains coupled to unused portions of the consumable resource upon withdrawal of the unused portions of the consumable resource from the image forming device.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BENJAMIN E. LANIER whose telephone number is (571)272-3805. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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